



Week 1: The Blessing

Genesis 12:1-9 is one of the most important passages in the Bible as it spells out God's blessings not only to Abraham, but to the whole world. The plan of redemption begins with a single act of obedience, and the plan moves forward in the same way. In a cursed world, we're called to bless people. Every "Yes" we say to the call of God moves His Kingdom forward and grows us as a Kingdom ambassador.

Discussion Questions:

1. Share a way you've been blessed recently. What did it do for your soul?
2. **Read Genesis 12:1-9.** Discuss the concept of blessing as seen in God's promise to Abram. What does this say about God? What does it mean to be a blessing to others, and how does this apply to Abram's story?
3. Discuss the significance of the phrase "all the families of the earth will be blessed through you" in Genesis 12:3. How does this anticipate the role of Abram's descendants in the biblical narrative? How does this promise apply to us today?
4. Reflect on the role of trust in God's guidance and provision as demonstrated by Abram's response to God's call. How can we cultivate the same trust in our own lives?
5. Obedience always leads to blessing. Share some ways you have experienced God's blessings through your own obedience.
6. Talk about the contrast between the Upper Story (the spiritual realm) and the Lower Story (our physical realm). Can you think of a Lower Story experience that God used for his Upper Story plan of redemption? How do these parallel stories help us understand God's plan relative to what's happening in our world today? How might this change the way you view the victories and losses in your own life?

7. God builds His Church and grows His Kingdom with our simple “yesses” every single day. What’s something you said “Yes” to recently and how do you think God will use it to grow His Kingdom? Is there something God is calling you to right now that you’re struggling to say yes to?
8. How does Abram's encounter with God in Genesis 12:1-9 illustrate the importance of stepping out in faith, even when the future is uncertain?
9. Close your time by praying to be a people of blessing in a world that’s cursed.